

## REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1955

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31st March, 1955 -

Males - 336,070

Females - 316,716

Persons - 652,786

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	JUNE		Six Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	350	384	2,705	2,758
* Rate per 1000 of Population	6.49	7.30	8.35	8.75
Births - Number	1,366	1,288	8,215	7,742
* Rate per 1000 of Population	25.33	24.50	25.37	24.56
Deaths - Number	498	475	2,535	2,452
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.24	9.03	7.83	7.78
Infant - Number	32	30	193	153
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.43	23.29	23.49	19.76
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	2	9	14	24
Malignant neoplasms	62	66	345	382
Diabetes mellitus	8	2	29	19
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	10	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	55	42	282	265
Diseases of the heart	183	176	781	760
Hypertension with heart disease	14	18	80	76
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	7	32	38
Arteriosclerosis	12	14	60	69
Influenza	1	-	4	3
Pneumonia	28	20	94	83
Bronchitis	4	3	20	14
Other respiratory disease	4	5	26	22
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	7	12	23
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	3	14	19
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	1	4	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	4	1	9	10
Nephritis and nephrosis	13	3	35	31
Disease of the prostate	3	6	25	23
External causes	1	-	7	5
Diseases of early infancy	21	24	110	100
Motor Vehicle accidents	17	17	105	87
Other accidents	11	16	123	107
Suicide	6	1	37	29
All other causes	43	33	277	241
Total:	498	475	2,535	2,452

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the six months ended July, 1955, totalled 396,155 acres, a decrease of 252,825 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 6,266,475 acres, an increase of 1,879,620.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of July		Twelve Months ended June	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,445,803	3,273,063	45,719,846	43,145,840
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 4. 9	5. 2. 2	70. 9. 6	68. 8. 3
Expenditure	3,873,250	3,574,620	46,203,889	43,248,519
Expenditure per Head of Population	5. 17. 9	5. 11. 7	71. 4. 5	68. 11. 7

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 31st July, 1955, amounted to £54,172,665 or £82.4.1 per head of population as against £52,674,389 or £82.2.7 per head as at the 31st July, last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 27th July, 1955, amounted to £13,320,653 compared with £13,659,299 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,777	2,385	22,220	24,908
	£.	2,646,026	3,552,310	34,441,159	36,959,751
Mortgages	No.	1,267	1,847	16,550	20,328
	£.	2,494,209	3,142,638	31,461,588	33,034,372
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	873	1,195	11,146	13,055

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
July, 1955	3,312,571	2,083,730	9,069,416	400,537
July, 1954	3,353,410	2,099,136	8,223,509	469,335
Twelve Months ended June, 1955	45,588,747	25,345,986	110,494,198	5,637,959
Twelve Months ended June, 1954	41,867,720	25,494,818	98,932,241	5,870,147





COMPANIES REGISTERED

30 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,609,000 and 12 Foreign Companies were registered during the month of July, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding month last year comprised 22 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,865,500 and 7 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Month of JULY					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	6	8,790	4,138	5	5,686	374
Deeds of Assignment (a)	6	44,689	46,423	2	8,722	16,064
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	JUNE		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,076,010	988,072	12,530,410	11,374,307
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,492,272	1,178,630	13,935,329	13,756,109
Train Miles Run No.	677,583	604,675	7,769,226	7,204,004
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 273,093	(b) 290,940	(c) 1,644,974	(c) 1,962,937
Passenger Journeys -				
Train No.	941,375	682,674	10,138,948	8,678,083
Motor Bus No.	25,464	29,045	351,601	521,228
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	250,762	271,521	3,278,633	3,082,735
Livestock	9,910	8,392	128,001	123,223
Departmental (Free Freight)	73,165	64,772	895,148	808,981
Total:	333,837	344,685	4,301,782	4,014,939
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	41,858,103	45,620,912	539,696,897	521,971,113
Livestock	1,124,733	1,040,195	16,807,869	15,827,769
Departmental (Free Freight)	8,119,390	9,153,304	109,525,559	110,065,973
Total:	51,102,226	55,814,411	666,030,325	647,864,855

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Eight weeks ended 30th June.

(c) Period ended 30th June.

\* Figures liable to revision.



## MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955 -								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106
June	571	230	1	54	970	492	5	79

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952 -								
June	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
1953 -								
June	41,231	18,394	537	9,855	69,833	54,639	1,035	15,559
December	44,513	19,429	567	9,817	73,825	55,782	1,071	15,022
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
1955 -								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313
May	54,508	22,424	557	9,561	88,887	61,244	1,124	14,508

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for May, 1955:-  
96 Cars; 787 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 10 Motor Cycles.

## TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, June 1955 and 1954, and twelve months ended June 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE		JUNE		12 Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Oversea	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Interstate	4,518	4,087	50,406	42,525	5,380	3,374	72,039	71,649
	8,291	8,425	91,044	82,687	4,390	1,924	24,055	20,004
Total:	12,809	12,512	141,450	125,212	9,770	5,298	96,094	91,653



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 -										
March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334
June Qr.	771	2,209	1,941	5,340	33	851	229	1,260	2,974	9,660

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION  
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 -										
March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280
June Qr.	855	2,996	91	257	1,662	3,972	-	-	2,608	7,225

GOLD PRODUCTION

	JULY		7 Months ended JULY	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	63,442	70,166	492,327	501,089
Value (Aust. Currency) * £.	991,280	1,096,337	7,692,597	7,789,606
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	898,466	705,758

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.





RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months ended JUNE		JUNE QUARTER		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2905	2832	2843	2727	2569	2475	2524	2366
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3063	2899	2983	2822	2497	2418	2457	2392
Northam	2967	2807	2894	2724	2523	2395	2479	2357
Bunbury	3006	2849	2902	2757	2586	2403	2529	2365
Geraldton	2987	2852	2923	2793	2690	2550	2655	2476
Collie	3008	2878	2929	2791	2379	2292	2336	2258

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115	136,357	43,878	180,235
June	134,969	42,685	177,754	136,347	43,880	180,227
July	134,232	42,947	177,179			
August	134,960	42,933	177,893			
September	134,947	43,186	178,133			
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	236
June	215	211	220	230	235
July	218	211	221	229	
August	217	212	221	229	
September	216	211	223	228	
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Females	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
9/8/1955	12. 12. 5	8. 4. 1	12. 11. 8	8. 3. 7	12. 14. 1	8. 5. 2

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA  
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	JULY		Twelve Months ended JUNE	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	44,358	38,836	462,394	400,776
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	39,192	34,657	413,606	358,723

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
June, 1955	18,029	301	78,160	12,619
June, 1954	15,662	458	56,586	7,108
12 Months ended June, 1955	130,036	4,306	1,145,296	164,371
12 Months ended June, 1954	117,623	5,395	1,035,746	104,439

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955 -										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April (a)	472	185	159	79	631	264	11	11	188	114
May (a)	485	162	174	71	659	233	9	5	205	97
June	486	148	175	66	661	214	8	2	215	89
Total 6 Months ended June	2,713	1,003	1,073	432	3,786	1,435	61	46	1,295	583

(a) Revised.



ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JULY		12 Months Ended JUNE	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	1,022	1,128	8,720	10,398
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	603	1,128	12,399	10,061
- Clay	'000	8,780	8,510	103,930	96,174
Enamels	gal.	4,757	3,612	39,086	47,543
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	183	209	2,533	2,302
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	12,407	24,023	225,728	200,284
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	854	917	10,774	9,588
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)20,666	(a)19,546	224,632	216,823
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	964	1,216	12,130	10,304
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	795	2,434	22,043	26,857
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,263	5,383	50,424	51,334
Sports Coats Men's	no.	459	462	7,904	8,776
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	303	441	3,863	5,321
- 2 piece	no.	1,712	2,619	23,467	25,901
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,345	5,078	51,041	55,361
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	6,085	16,239	146,740	156,051
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	28,698	39,092	414,328	513,706
Sandals	pair	5,946	4,344	132,832	127,466
Slippers	pair	27,079	51,551	399,089	611,310
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	468	550	7,415	7,723
Butter	'000 lb.	1,598	1,476	16,089	14,028
Cheese	'000 lb.	131	323	2,403	2,823
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	360	334	3,748	3,452
Jams	'000 lb.	79	56	614	837
Margarine	'000 lb.	85	116	1,236	1,214
Oatmeal	cwt.	5,184	3,634	49,141	100,514
Sauce - Tomato	pint	54,318	47,982	629,376	656,861
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Hydrochloric	cwt.	140	107	1,394	1,377
- Nitric	cwt.	20	16	230	220
- Sulphuric	ton	12,918	10,358	166,698	148,166
Cycles, Pedal	no.	400	563	7,591	8,407
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	138	137	1,453	1,443
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,022	1,926	21,875	20,448
- Woven Wire	no.	911	2,353	35,228	30,786
- Soft Filled	no.	3,421	3,396	41,734	44,721
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	48	92	1,046	1,112
Utilities (all types)	no.	12	32	324	232
Trailers (all types)	no.	25	9	245	192
Perambulators	no.	41	79	754	1,066

(a) June figures, July unavailable.

